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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY LIBERAL OPPOSITION LEADER SNEDDEN

REF: CANBERRA 6669

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM EA WEEKLY STATUS REPORTS THAT DEPT IS PREPARING PROGRAM FOR LIBERAL OPPOSITION LEADER SNEDDEN DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10/11 (REFTEL).

2. SNEDDEN HAS BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON U.S. DEFENSE FACILITIES
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IN AUSTRALIA. HE HAS SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN CHANGES

IN U.S. NUCLEAR TARGETTING POLICY AS PRESENTED BY SECRETARY SCHELESINGER IN HIS POSTURE STATEMENT TO CONGRESS EARLIER THIS YEAR. OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS WHO COULD GO INTO THESE MATTERS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. RECOMMEND COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING AT CIA AND MEETING WITH SENIOR CIA OFFICIALS.

3. WHILE PREDICTIONS ARE ALWAYS HAZARDOUS, THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION AMONG BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS IN AUSTRALIA THAT THERE WILL BE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MAY, 1975, PROBABLY INVOLVING DOUBLE DISSOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES. ON BASIS OF PRESENT INDICATIONS, MANY OBSERVERS, INCLUDING FAITHFUL LABOR SUPPORTERS, PREDICT LABOR DEFEAT AND CONSEQUENT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. SNEDDEN VISIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIALS TO MEET LEADER WHO MAY SOON BECOME NEXT AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER. GREEN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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